



YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

Week of August 18, 2014

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Newport News Public Library System

Thousands Have Fun, Learn During Newport News Libraries' Summer Reading Program

Nearly 3,000 adults, children and teens participated in the Newport News Public Library System's **2014 Summer Reading Program**. Adults, teens and children of all ages read books, participated in special programs, and won prizes, June 23-July 31 -- all for free.

The Library System presented 101 special events that included visits from Therapy Dogs International, the Virginia Living Museum, magicians, storytellers, musical performances, science experiments, crafts, games, movies and more. **The grand finale featured the Emmy-Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk performing animal tales at each Library on August 8 and 9.**



Emmy-Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk presented a grand finale in each of the libraries. Here he asks audience volunteers to speak into an imaginary microphone during his performance at Grissom Library.

A total of 1,887 children and teens enrolled in the program. Children ages 0-11 got a prize after reading five books and 10 books. Teens ages 12-17 got a prize for completing each column on their reading log. Those who completed the program received a certificate and

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Richmond Public Library

Summer Reading Street Finale August 9, 2014

The nine branches in our system come together to host a community-wide **Summer Reading Finale** at the Main Branch. Despite anticipated lousy weather, the day was perfect!

Led by our Children's Associates, supported by our YA team and our Mayor's Youth Academy, we put on a great indoor/outdoor event!



At noon we announced the top elementary reader for each branch and awarded medals. Drawings of book gift baskets for each age group and a grand prize of a donated bike to heighten awareness for the 2015 bike race were also announced at that time.



Speaking of bikes, a new element to our celebration was connecting with several organizations that are promoting bicycling in the city in anticipation of the big bike race in 2015.



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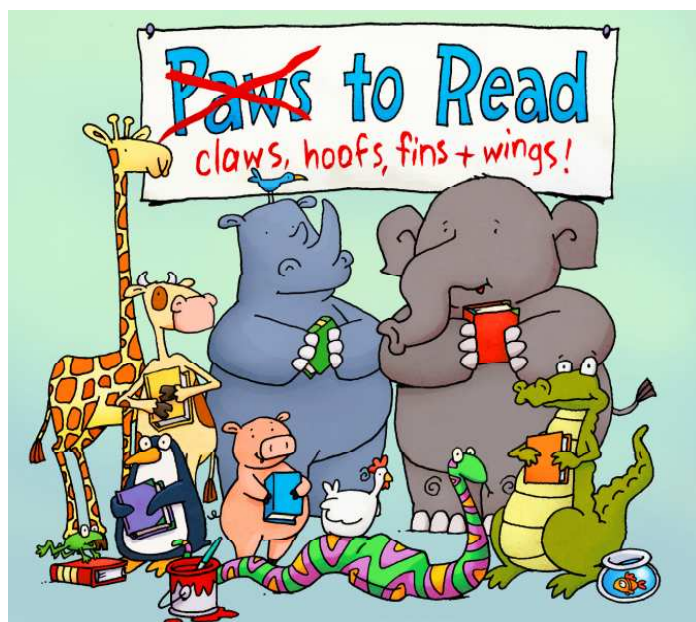
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Thanks

for the photos and info!

- ♦ **Karen L. Gill**, Newport News Public Library
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Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

September 3-4, 2014 Library of Virginia Children's and Youth Services Fall Conference Richmond
October 22-24, 2014 Virginia Library Association Williamsburg

National Conferences

September 18-20, 2014 Association for Library Service to Children National Institute Oakland

Online Courses

September 8, 2014–October 3, 2014 Importance of Play (Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen) online

Training

August 18, 2014 Mother Goose on the Loose Petersburg
August 19, 2014 Mother Goose on the Loose Chatham
September 23-24, 2014 Summer Reading: A Community Approach Richmond

Newport News Summer Reading Program

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Kim Powell, with her son Cayden Evans, claims her grand prize. She received a Kindle Fire eReader.

a free book. At some libraries, children and teen also won prizes in additional contests. A total of 160 adults entered drawings for each Library book they read. One adult winner at each Library was chosen at random each week to receive a prize. One grand prize winner was chosen from all Library System entries to receive a Kindle Fire eReader.

The 2014 Summer Reading Program was generously supported by the Friends of the Newport News Public Library System. Additional support came from the Library of Virginia, iREAD, IHOP, Sonic, Fazoli's, McDonald's and Golden Corral.

Submitted by Karen L. Gill, Community Relations and Programs Coordinator, Newport News Public Library System. ■

Richmond Public Library Summer Reading Finale

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We partnered with lots of community organizations—some provided activities, resources and information at the finale and others offered prizes for our weekly drawings. Our wonderful partners included: Richmond Public Library Library Foundation and Friends, Children's Museum of Richmond, Science Museum of Virginia, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, bbg bookstore, Chop Suey bookstore, Jumpology, Visual Arts Center, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Early Childhood Development Initiative, Velocity Comics, Starbucks, Byrd Theatre, Richmond Parks & Rec, Flying Squirrels Baseball, VARep, First Things First, Partnership for Families, Dentistry@VCU, Community Idea Stations, Martins, Walmart, Richmond Police Dept., Bike Walk RVA, and Richmond 2015.

Jesse the Juggler provided a stellar performance linking in literacy and tickling our mixed-age audience.

Our outdoor festival-like activities included a steel drum band, free sno-cones, an inflatable obstacle course, bike activities with antics by Nutzy the Flying Squirrel, street games and Lewis Ginter's cool nature rubbing bags.

Fun was had by everyone and it was a great way to conclude our FIZZ, BOOM READ summer of reading and learning!



Submitted by Krista Dawson. ■

DayByDayVA
 WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

From PUBLIB

ALA's International Games Day Registration Is Open For 2014

How often do you get offered the chance to run an event for less than free?

International Games Day @ your library

<http://igd.ala.org/about>

is an annual celebration of games, play, libraries and learning that costs absolutely nothing to register for - and not only do you pay nothing, for that \$0 cost you can even get permanent donations to add to your library's collections!

IGD@yl has only the most flexible of entry requirements - you have to have some sort of game-related activity in or around your library, on or around the official date, **Saturday, November 15, 2014**. That's it! The games can be videogames on a library console, tabletop games, social games, party games - whatever you think will work for your individual library and community.



To register, fill out the questionnaire at <http://bit.ly/igd14> and tell us a bit about your library and your plans for the day. Early registrants can choose corporate donated games and also sign up for some international inter-library events that will give your community the chance to connect to other library communities in other parts of the world. Speaking of which - this is literally a world-wide event, with libraries on ALL SEVEN continents participating last year. Yes, that does include Antarctica! How's that for a great way to spark conversations about the importance, power and ubiquity of libraries?

We also have a press kit with posters and materials to help you promote the day in your library at <http://igd.ala.org/library-press-kit/>.

And there's a blog at <http://igd.ala.org> which publishes updates weekly on a range of topics to help inspire ideas, discussion, and of course learning around games and play. For more information check out <http://igd.ala.org/about>.

Posted August 11, 2014. ■

VLA Youth Services Forum

Do You Love STEM and STEAM?

Do you love STEM and STEAM programs at the library? Are you doing a really awesome STEM program at your library that you would love to share with your colleges throughout the state? Then the VLA Youth Services Forum is looking for you!

We plan on putting on two webinars at the end of the September about STEM/STEAM programming. One of the webinars would focus on programs for preschool children and the other would focus on programs for the Tween and Teen age. AND we are looking for panelists! So if you have a great program that you would like to share with other eager Youth Services workers around the state please contact Allyson Renell at arenell@suffolkva.us.

It is very easy and low key to be a YSF webinar presenter! All we are looking for is a short 20 minute presentation that goes over what your program was, how it went, and the STEM/STEAM concepts that it covered. It is a great way to show off your stuff and to practice for future presentation in a low stress, fun atmosphere!

If interested please contact Ally (me) at arenell@suffolkva.us and please pass this on to any of your colleague who are also doing great programs.

Thanks!

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**The greatest gift is the passion for reading.
It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites,
It gives knowledge of the world
and experience of a wide kind.
It is moral illumination.**

~ Elizabeth Hardwick ~

From Nelson Worley

Bibliostat Changes for Children's/Teen Services

I [have] contacted the local data coordinator at each library system about changes to the upcoming version of the report which includes some additional questions about Summer Reading Programs. Since the SRPs are have just ended, or are coming to a close, I wanted to be sure you are aware of the additional data items.

I am attaching a copy of the Bibliostat report instructions concerning the Summer Reading Program for your information. The changes are indicated in red. If there are questions, I ask that you contact your local data coordinator in your library. If need be, they can contact me. I understand that when new data items are introduced, some libraries are initially not able to report the information. Where the information "is not available," it is acceptable to put INA or NA. Thank you for your assistance in collecting this information.

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August 14, 2014

The Bibliostat report instructions are attached to this newsletter. ■

Thinking Things Through: Friday, August 15, 2014

2014 Year One Issue One – Fred Rogers

From time to time – perhaps once a month or every other month – I'd like to ask for your insight regarding library and community issues and offer some thoughts of my own. I'm calling this adventure "thinking things through." My guiding principle is to ask, "What would Plato and Benjamin Franklin do?" I hope Fred Rogers would approve. Today I have three things:

- ◆ Do you have a favorite early childhood collaboration to share? I'm researching this topic for a new book project. My book team includes, Sue Mitchell, Cen Campbell, Dr. Rolf Grafwallner, Kathleen Reif, and Stephanie Shauck.
- ◆ I enjoyed a visit to the [Fred Rogers Center](#) this week and learned about Fred's practical and inspiring philosophy of early learning – and heard about the exciting projects and collaborations the center is currently undertaking. **Dr. Junlei Li at the center ponders the question "What would Mr. Rogers do?" to address today's issues.**
- ◆ Finally, *The Power of Play: Designing Early Learning Spaces* by Dorothy Stoltz, Marisa Conner, and James Bradberry, is scheduled to be released at the end of 2014. It's available for advanced orders at the ALA Store or at Amazon. A very special thanks to many of you who took time to share your thoughts on early learning environments.

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Books, to the reading child, are so much more than books – they are dreams and knowledge, they are a future, and a past. (1940)

~ Esther Meynell ~



2014 Summer Reading art by Terri Murphy



Lunar and Planetary Institute

Earth and Space Science News

The LPI Earth and Space Science News is available on our website, and also through a regularly updated RSS feed.

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/resources/news/>

Included in this issue:

- Link to the International Observe the Moon Night, the arrival of missions at Mars and Pluto, World Space Week, and more in **Calendar**
- Learn about a Mars elementary workshop in Colorado, a free Emergence of Life online course, an astronomy course for teachers at Rice (and through Zoom online), a climate change workshop for Oklahoma and Texas teachers, NGSS web seminars, and Houston Mars Rover Celebration workshops at **Workshops and Courses**
- Check out International Observe the Moon Night, a free Houston lecture on the movie Gravity, Earth Science Week, and an Astrobiology Symposium at the Library of Congress in **Events**
- Participate in Earth Science Week contests, the Humans in Space Art Video Challenge, send your name to the asteroid Bennu, and apply for an Einstein Fellowship, a NASA internship, or the opportunity to conduct astronomical research with a professional astronomer, in **Get Involved**
- Apply for the Shell Science Teaching Award or the 2015 Leavey Awards in **Grants and Awards**
- Connect to a video on the scale of the Universe, the Earth Science Week online toolkit, resources on climate and energy literacy, resources and demonstrations on the importance of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere, and a galaxy collision activity in **Resources**
- Read about how supermassive black holes grew quickly, the Rosetta spacecraft's discoveries at Comet 67P, evidence for Titan's salty ocean, New Horizon's upcoming flyby of Pluto, the discovery of mystery matter, Comet Siding Spring's close pass of Mars, and the distance record for off-Earth roving, in **Mission News and Science**

International Observe the Moon Night: 06 September 2014

<http://observethemoonnight.org>

In just one month, on 06 September 2014, the whole world will collectively admire and celebrate our moon

on International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN)! We invite you to join in the fun! *Check the map of registered InOMN events to see if there's an event being held near you. If not, please consider hosting one and inviting your patrons, friends, or neighbors!* The website provides suggestions for hands-on activities and how to plan an event of any size.

Happy Moon viewing!

Best wishes,

Christine Shupla

Formal Education Lead Specialist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute ■

More Science Opportunities

Great Science Books + Giveaways + Story time and Snacks – You're Invited!

Virginia/Richmond area librarians, parents, students, and homeschoolers are all invited to attend a FREE science and literacy event at the Richmond Convention Center, Saturday, October 18, hosted by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the International Reading Association.

Join us as we celebrate science and literacy.

- Meet with authors of outstanding trade books that make science come alive
- Learn how to choose the best science trade books for kids
- Learn how to use trade books to teach key science concepts to K-6 children
- Visit the NSTA Science Store and the NSTA Exhibition Hall for the latest K-12 science teaching and learning products and resources
- Enjoy a special story time with snacks, prizes, giveaways and more

When: Saturday, October 18, from 9. a.m to 2 pm.

Story time for kids and the chance to meet outstanding science children book authors starts at 11:45 a.m. and runs to 1:15 p.m.

Where: Grand Ballroom, Greater Richmond Convention Center (part of the NSTA Area Conference on Science Education.)

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Also—See attached flyer ■

Children and Youth Summer Reading Program

10.12. Number of weeks the summer reading program is offered

Enter the number of weeks of the summer reading program.

Number of youth participating in the summer reading program

Enter the number of youth who returned to participate in the summer reading program activities at least once after registering.

10.13. Total

10.14. Please indicate if you are including preschool children. (y/n).

Number of youth participating in the teen program. Participating is defined as teens who return at least once after registering.

Enter the number of teens who returned to participate in the teen program activities at least once after registering.

10.15. Total

Adult Summer Reading Program

10.16. Number of weeks the adult summer reading program is offered

Enter the number of weeks of the summer reading program.

Number of adults participating in the adult program. Participating is defined as an adult who return at least once after registering.

Enter the number of adults who returned to participate in the adult program activities at least once after registering.

10.17. Total

~~Please indicate the number of people attending the following SRP programs:~~

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10.18. Number of Family/Children's' SRP Programs

Provide the number of Family/Children's SRP programs offered. This number is a subset of Number of Children's programs (8.17).

10.19. Attendance at Family/Children's SRP Programs

Enter the number of attendees at Family/Children's SRP programs. This number is a subset of Total Attendees at Children's programs (8.18).

10.20. Number of Teen SRP Programs

Provide the number of Teen SRP programs offered. This number is a subset of Young Adult programs (8.20).

10.21. Attendance at Teen SRP Programs

Enter the number of attendees at Teen SRP programs. This number is a subset of Total Attendees at Young Adult programs (8.21).

10.22. Number of Outreach SRP Programs

Provide the number of Outreach SRP programs offered. This number is a subset of all library programs (8.9).

10.23 Attendance at Outreach SRP Programs

Enter the number of attendees at Outreach SRP programs. This number is a subset of person attending all programs (8.10).

10.24 Total SRP Programs (10.18+10.20+10.22)

10.25 Total SRP Program Attendance (10.19+10.21+10.23)

10.26 Do you offer these SRP services at sites other than the library? y/n

If yes, what services do you provide? (check all that apply)

10.27. Reading program

10.28. Deposit collection

10.29. Special events and activities (Booktalks, storytimes, performers, etc)

10.30. If yes, at how many sites?

Please describe the sites.

10.31. Child care center

10.32. Schools (summer school classes, school-based child care)

10.33. Recreation centers or sites

10.34. Faith based sites

10.35. Other

10.36 Do you provide information about the importance of summer reading programs to parents? y/n

If yes, how do you provide this information? (Check all that apply)

10.37. Printed handouts

10.38. At programs

10.39. One on one in the library

10.40. Direct them to the parent section of the SRP website

10.41. Other

Please indicate Summer Reading Program budget

Enter the amount of the funds contributed. Do not include staff time or retail value of donated items.

10.42. Library

10.43. Friends

10.44. Other

10.45. Total (10.38 + 10.39 + 10.40)

Winter Reading Program

10.46. Number of weeks the Winter Reading Program is offered

10.47. Number of children that signed up for the program

10.48. Number of children that participated in the program by turning in one book read.

10.49. Number of children that used Spanish language materials

10.50. Number of books that were read

Did you provide information on early literacy skills to parents? (Check all that apply)

10.51. Used Book Booster

10.52. Early Literacy Cards

10.53. Other

A Celebration of LITERACY & SCIENCE



FREE EVENT

Saturday, October 18

9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Grand Ballroom, Greater Richmond Convention Center

Do you have kids who love to explore and do science?

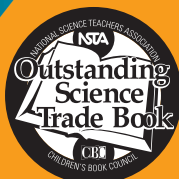
Do they also love to read about the world around them?

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the International Reading Association (IRA) invite you to learn more about science and literacy during a special event on Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Conference Center during the NSTA Area Conference on Science Education.

Come for all or part of this FREE event, where you'll learn more about the importance of science and literacy, discover outstanding children books, and meet with the authors who make science come alive.



Learn more about
NSTA Kids books and
Outstanding Science
Trade Books



NSTA Kids
National Science Teachers Association

NSTA National
Science
Teachers
Association

SCHEDULE of EVENTS



WHAT DOES LITERACY MEAN? HOW DO SCIENCE AND LITERACY CONNECT?

(9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.)

Come hear NSTA Retiring President Bill Badders and Marcie Craig Post, Executive Director of the International Reading Association, talk about “literacy” in the context of science, and provide concrete examples.

AUTHORS! INSPIRATION!

(10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

A panel discussion of the nation’s best authors of science trade books (see below) will discuss what inspires them, how they do their work, and how their books can be used in classrooms. These authors have been honored by the Children’s Book Council, AAAS/Subaru, and other national organizations. Authors include:

Molly Bang

Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas

Loree Griffin Burns

Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey

Vicki Cobb

What’s the Big Idea?: Amazing Science Questions

Emily Morgan

Next Time You See series

Dorothy Hinshaw

When the Wolves Returned

Melissa Stewart

A Place for Turtles

Pamela Turner

Dolphins of Shark Bay

Joy Hakim

The Story of Science

General Session—Children and Parents Welcome

MEET and GREET OUTSTANDING AUTHORS

(11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)

Children and their parents are invited to visit with authors to explore their mutual curiosity and wonder about the natural world. Families and homeschoolers will also be able to tour the NSTA exhibit hall and the NSTA Science Store between 9:00 AM and 12 PM on Saturday. Lunch will be available at the food court concessions. Teachers registered for the Richmond conference are encouraged to invite students and parents for this session.

EUREKA! I FOUND GOLD IN THE LIBRARY

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

See how the best of science trade books for children and classrooms are chosen. You will learn how to explore NSTA’s searchable database of more than 10,000 materials for classrooms to find the best materials.



REGISTRATION

Teachers must first register for the NSTA Area Conference in Richmond (www.nsta.org/conferences) and can participate by showing their conference badges. Non-teaching personnel can register for the event onsite.